Shortage of Water in Delhi

688. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of drinking water in Delhi and a large number of colonies in South Delhi as also areas in the walled city are facing acute shortage ;

(b) if so, what is Delhi's present water availability position and what are its estimated requirements by the turn of the century :

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet the problem of water shortage in Delhi in the wake of ever increasing population ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Lt. Governor has expressed his helplessness in solving the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. shortage of drinking water in Delhi is experencied during summer in some areas situated at the tail end of the distribution system or at higher elevations.

(b) D.W.S. & S.D. Undertaking has on installed capacity of 2143 MLD (472 MGD) and by maximising the out put, it supplies about 2270 MLD, (500 MGD) of water. The estimated requirement of drinking water by 2001 A.D. would be 4086 MLD (900 MGD) for an assessed population of 128 lacs @ 7U gallon per day.

(c) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) The Delhi Administration led by the Lt. Governor of Delhi are making all out efforts to solve the drinking water problem of Delhi.

Statement

(i) Construction of second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Haidarpur has been started ;

(ii) Construction work of 40 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Nangloi has been awarded ;

(iii) Construction of 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant near Bhavan Escape has been proposed ;

(iv) Discussions with Haryana Government are in progress for the supply of adequate raw water to above plants in exchange for treated effluent :

(v) Construction of 5 Ranney Mells in Alipur Block is in progres. In addition, 27 tube wells have been installed and 15 more tube wells will be enargised shortly;

(vi) Steps have been taken to rationalise the distribution system. Ground reservoir and booster pumping stations have commissioned in 7 colonies and are likely to be commissioned shortly in 2 more colonies. This work is in progress in 4 colonies and is also being planned for 5 more colonies as soon as the land becomes available.

(vii) Steps have also beel- taken for detection of leakage of water and to minimise the leakage, 23 shallow tube wells have been installed for horticulture purposes to save filtered water. 101 open wells in city and Sadar Paharganj (S.P. Zone) are also provided with submersible pumping sets to supply water, for horticulture purposes ; and

(viii) Water supply arrangements in resettlement colonies, J.J. clusters and regularised unauthorised colonies are being continuously improved through tube wells, handpumps/hydrants, and water supply connections according to prescribed norms.

Long Term Measures

It is proposed to earmark specific quantities of water from the reservoirs created through the construction of Tehri Dam, Kishau Dam and Renuka Dam.

Agitation by DDA Employees

689. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority employees have been agitating since October last in order to press for their demands ;

(b) whether these employees have submitted their representation to Government ;

(c) if so, what are their demands ; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?